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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Interview with Greg Rushford, House Select Committee on  
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1. Greg Rushford requested the CIA Review Staff to arrange an interview with me at 1130, Tuesday, 2 December 1975 at the HSC offices in the Rayburn Building. The subject of the interview was "SALT," therefore, prior to the meeting I flipped through the file of documents on the subject which had been passed to the committee staff. I was advised by Donald Gregg, CIA Review Staff, of the line of inquiry being pursued by the Committee and by Rushford. I had also reviewed Howard Stoertz' memorandum reporting on his interview with Rushford and was aware of some of the questions posed by Rushford to other respondents.

2. Contrary to my expectations, the interview was very friendly. Rushford made no accusations toward me or anyone else in or outside intelligence. I regarded Rushford's interrogation as appropriate to the inquiry underway, although not well organized to develop the facts about the matters in which he was interested.

3. Rushford began by reminding me of the matters under investigation and the reasons the Committee regarded them as important. He said he would not take up a lot of my time and expressed appreciation for my coming to his office for the interview. He said I probably knew he was not very welcome at CIA particularly by Dr. Proctor and Mr. Walsh. I said I considered it proper for an investigation to be based on the hypothesis of policymaker influence on intelligence. However, I said that I hoped he understood that none of us could tolerate questions which carried with them accusations and implied charges of misconduct. Rushford's questioning concerned Backfire as a SALT issue, intelligence assessments of Backfire performance, NSC staff involvement in intelligence estimates, and differences between OSI, OWI and OSR on assessments of Backfire. Questions and answers on these subjects are summarized below.

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